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Preface

Software process technology emerged as an identified research and development activity in the early 1980's, initiated by European colleagues. Since this period, several international workshops (8th ISPW will be held in spring 1993) and conferences (ICSP2 is coming also) have heavily contributed to the creation of an international community and to progress towards a common understanding of concepts, the depth of exchanges. And a lot of prototypes and/or tools are appearing to support the software process life cycle.

A truly European forum was perceived in 1991 as justified, due to the increasing interest and the volume of research in the field. The first European Software Process Workshop held during May 1991 at Cefriel in Milano, has permitted us to concretize this European community.

One of the results of this workshop was the emergence of cooperative work, oriented to comparison, common technology and common work on models. Another was the creation of the working group on software processes of the Esprit III program in Basic Research, called BRA-WG "Promoter", which aims at promoting this common activity. EWSPT '92 is the first event of this three-year working group that starts in September 1992. EWSPT '92 will be held in Trondheim, 7-9 September 1992, organized by Reidar Conradi and the Norwegian Institute of Technology.

We wish to thank NIT and all our supporting organizations, and LNCS who agreed to publish these proceedings. Thanks also to the program committee, the reviewers and all the authors who have provided either long papers or position papers. They contribute to five sessions organized around Concepts (S1), Process Engine (S2), Models (S3), Human Aspects (S4) and Process Life Cycle (S5).

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